

Feature Film Options

Robinson Nature Center presents films that are appropriate for all ages in the center's NatureSphere, a digital planetarium and movie theater that seats up to 50 people.

You may book a presentation in conjunction with birthday parties or field trip programs. For pricing, see the Robinson Nature Center birthday party and field trip program brochures. Each film lasts approximately half an hour. Films can also be seen during public programs at the NatureSphere. Show times, dates and links to movie previews can be found on the Nature Center's website:

www.howardcountymd.gov/RobinsonNatureCenter.htm

One World, One Sky: Big Bird's Adventure

Recommended for ages: 2 yrs +

Synopsis: Big Bird, Elmo and their friend from China, Hu Hu Zhu, take viewers on a journey of discovery to learn about the Big Dipper, the North Star, the Sun, and the Moon. This film engages younger audiences, asking them to point, count and sing along with Big Bird and friends.

Educator's Guide Available.



The Little Star that Could

Recommended for ages: 2 yrs +

Synopsis: The Little Star that Could is a yellow star in search of planets of his own to protect and warm. During his journey, he meets other stars, learns what makes each star a different color, and discovers each individual planet in our solar system.

Educator's Guide Available.



The Weather

Recommended for ages 3 yrs +

Synopsis: An interactive modular planetarium program covering the national science standards for weather – grades K-2 including cloud types, weather instruments and the water cycle.



**Join us in the NatureSphere
on your next visit!**

Robinson Nature Center

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Hours Of Operation

Wednesday*-Saturday 9 AM-5 PM

Sunday Noon-5 PM

Closed Monday and Tuesday

Parking lot gates close at 5:30 PM

Daily General Admission

Adults \$5

Children (3-17 years) \$3

Children under 3 years Free

**Admission is complimentary for individuals and families every Wednesday. Group visits are subject to admission fees and must be booked in advance.*

Annual Passes

Annual pass holders are entitled to complimentary general admission to Robinson, use of its trails, markdowns in the gift shop during designated events and discounted admission to certain programs. Annual passes are valid for 1 year from date of purchase.

(NR) = Non-Resident of Howard County.

Senior (50 years +) \$20 / \$40 (NR)

Student (with valid school ID) \$20 / \$40 (NR)

Individual \$25 / \$50 (NR)

Family (immediate household) \$50 / \$100 (NR)

Add an additional \$50 to any annual pass level to enjoy

Friends of the Robinson Nature Center benefits.

Friends Of Robinson Memberships

These memberships include an annual pass to the nature center, as well as friends-only benefits. Please visit www.friendsoftherobinsonnaturecenter.org for details.

Patron \$175

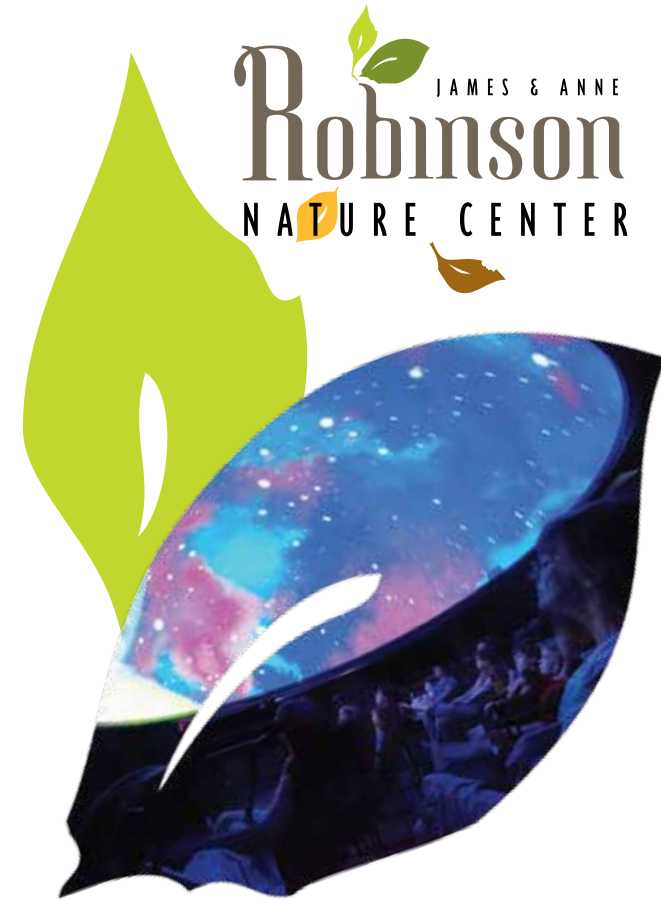
Sustainer \$500

Supporter \$250

Lifetime \$1,000



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**FULL-DOME
FEATURE FILMS
AT THE
NATURESPHERE
PLANETARIUM**



**Howard County
RECREATION & PARKS**



Astronomy: 3,000 Years of Stargazing

Recommended for ages: 5 yrs +

Synopsis: In the learned company of a cartoon Einstein, this show takes audiences on a tour of the major astronomical milestones of the last 3,000 years – from the cosmological models of antiquity, through the Ptolemaic system of epicycles, to the contributions of Copernicus, Newton, Hubble and many others.



Earth, Moon & Sun

Recommended for ages: 5 yrs +

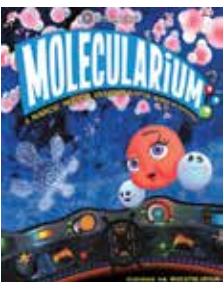
Synopsis: Explore the relationship between the Earth, Moon and Sun with the help of Coyote, an amusing character with misconceptions about our universe. Learn why the Sun rises and sets and the basics of fusion and solar energy. Examine the Moon's orbit, craters, phases and eclipses.



Molecularium

Recommended for ages: 5 yrs +

Synopsis: Molecularium makes molecular science fun and understandable! Kid-friendly characters take the audience on a journey into a raindrop to discover the molecules there and to introduce the changes between the three states of matter through amazing visuals and songs. **Educator's Guide Available.**

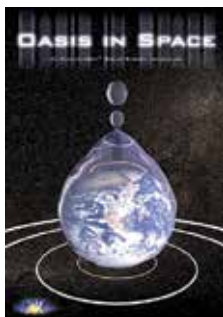


Oasis in Space

Recommended for ages: 5 yrs +

Synopsis: This film transports the audience on a startling and beautiful voyage through our universe, galaxy and solar system in search of liquid water – a key ingredient for life on Earth. Audiences discover, one by one, the surfaces of other planets in our solar system and how they differ from Earth's surface.

Educator's Guide Available.



We Are Aliens!

Recommended for ages: 5 yrs +

Synopsis: This film explores how our understanding of life on Earth guides the search for life elsewhere in the universe. Go on an epic journey in search of evidence of alien life forms elsewhere in the galaxy. Narration by Rupert Grint of Harry Potter fame. **Educator's Guide Available.**



Zula Patrol: Down to Earth

Recommended for ages: 5 yrs +

Synopsis: The Zula Patrol team goes on a routine fossil hunting expedition and turns up evidence that the villainous Deliria Delight has been travelling back in time to illegally dump toxic trash. The Zula Patrollers must catch her before her actions cause catastrophic consequences. In the process, our heroes learn all about the formation and development of Earth.



Astronaut

Recommended for ages: 7 yrs +

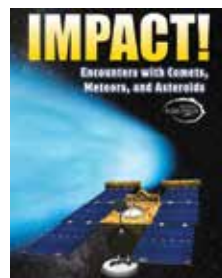
Synopsis: What does it take to be an astronaut? Experience the effects of a rocket launch and zero gravity on the human body. Tour the International Space Station and discover the challenges of “working” in space as Chad, the test astronaut, is subjected to them.



Impact!

Recommended for ages: 7 yrs +

Synopsis: A visually dazzling film, IMPACT! teaches about meteors, meteorites, asteroids and comets. Learn how asteroid hunters seek new objects in the solar system, and how radar is used to find meteorites that have survived to the Earth's surface.



Passport to the Universe

Recommended for ages: 7 yrs +

Synopsis: Narrated by Tom Hanks, this film treats the audience to realistic close up views of star fields and planets, taking them on an exhilarating flight through a virtual recreation of our universe, into the Orion Nebula, out of our galaxy, and deep into intergalactic space. At the end of the film, viewers fall through a black hole to return to our universe. **Educator's Guide Available.**



Stars

Recommended for ages: 7 yrs +

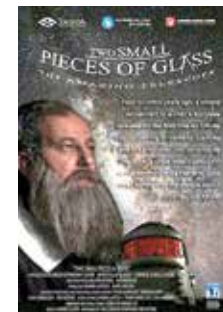
Synopsis: Every star has a story. New stars are created every day, born out of vast clouds of gas and dust. Through every phase of their existence, stars release the energy that powers the Universe. Journey to the furthest reaches of our galaxy and experience both the awesome beauty and destructive power of STARS with narrator Mark Hamill. **Educator's Guide Available.**



Two Small Pieces of Glass

Recommended for ages: 7 yrs +

Synopsis: This feature traces the history of the telescope, from Galileo's modifications, to a child's spyglasses, to the launch of NASA's Hubble space Telescope. Explore the Galilean Moons, Saturn's rings, and spiral structure of galaxies. Learn about Galileo, Huygens, Newton, Hubble and other astronomy greats.



Black Holes: The Other Side of Infinity

Recommended for ages: 10 yrs +

Synopsis: Narrated by Liam Neeson, this film highlights the science of some of the most mysterious objects in the universe. Witness the birth of a black hole, journey past the event horizon, experience the formation of the Milky Way and learn about the monstrous black hole that lurks at its core. **Educator's Guide Available.**

